Review of the prices of formulations

421. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 401 dated 19th December, 1991 in Rajya Sabha and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that reduced prices after review as given by Government are not correct and the current prices as per situation in the market are much higher ;

(b) what are the current prices of each of the formulations ;

(c) what is the legal authority on the basis of which Government intervene and what are the guidelines on the basis of which reduction in prices is affected ;

(d) whether Government have obtained clearance from Law Ministry about such intervention ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whethsr it is also a fact that in number of cases bulk drug rates have been inflated to increase prices of decontrolled formulations ;

(g) if so, the details of such instances found; and

(h) what is the date of such instances collected and who verifies the data ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) Necesaary legal provisions are contained in paras 11 and 12 of DPCO, 1987. In most of the cases, companies are prevailed upon to reduce the prices to the extent possible.

(f) to (h) No such spcific instance has come to the notice of the Government.

Drugs and formulations in wholesale price-index

422. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3048 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) the names of drugs and formulations which have been taken in whole sale price index base year 1981-82 ;

(b) what was the production of each drug during last three years, yearwise and what is the present price of each ;

(c) how many drugs out of list are under price control ;

(d) whether it is a fact that number of new drugs have replaced many of those drugs ;

(e) if so, the detalis thereof ;

(f) since when this basket is in existence ;

(g) whether it is also a fact that number of drugs in this basket are absolete ; and

(h) if so, names of such drugs and reasons for inclusion of same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) The names of drugs and medicines on which Wholesale Price-Index (base year 1981-82) is based is given in the statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) All the products except Chloramphenicol in the basket of Wholesale Price Index are formulations. Government do not monitor production of formulations Regarding